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## AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 5, 2017

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#### PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF



#### PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES

I. Gunshot wound of head.

#### OPINION

Based on the autopsy findings and the circumstances surrounding the death, as currently understood, the cause of death is **gunshot wound of head**, and the manner of death is **Homicide**.

**CAUSE OF DEATH:** This [REDACTED]-year-old male, [REDACTED], died as a result of a gunshot wound of head.

**MANNER OF DEATH:** HOMICIDE.

  
JENNIFER CORNEAL, M.D.  
Forensic Pathologist

Date signed: 12/20/17

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### POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF [REDACTED]

Date of death: 1044 hours on October 2, 2017

Date of autopsy: 0030 hours on October 5, 2017

IDENTIFICATION: The body is identified by a tag on the right great toe bearing the decedent's name and case number. There is a hospital band around the left wrist bearing the name [REDACTED].

WITNESSES: Assisting is Forensic Autopsy Specialist Brieanna. There are no outside observers.

CLOTHING: The body is unclad when initially viewed. No clothing accompanies the body.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL THERAPY:

1. Endotracheal tube.
2. Bilateral single lumen intravascular catheters in the posterior aspects of the hands.

### EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

*Injuries are described in a separate section below.*

GENERAL: The body is that of a normally developed and well-nourished [REDACTED] male appearing consistent with the listed age of [REDACTED] years. The length is 74 inches, and the weight is 289 pounds as received. The body is well preserved, cold, and has not been embalmed. Rigidity is fully developed in the jaw and extremities. Lividity is pink-purple, nonblanching, and in a posterior distribution.

HEAD: The scalp is covered with brown hair measuring up to 1/8 inch on the top of the head. There is stubble on the face. The ears are normally formed and without drainage. No piercings are apparent. The irides are brown, the corneas are opaque, and the

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bulbar and palpebral conjunctivae free of petechiae. The sclerae are white. The nose is intact, and the nares are clean and unobstructed. The lips are normally formed. The teeth are natural and in fair condition.

NECK: The neck is symmetrical and without injury.

CHEST AND ABDOMEN: The chest is normally formed, symmetrical, and without palpable masses.

The abdomen is slightly protuberant and soft. No masses are palpable.

EXTERNAL GENITALIA: The external genitalia are those of an uncircumcised adult male with both testes palpable in the scrotum.

BACK: The back is straight and symmetrical. The anus is atraumatic.

ARMS: The arms are normally formed. No track marks or ventral wrist scars are noted. The fingernails are trimmed short and clean.

LEGS: The legs are normally formed and have no edema, amputations, or deformity. The toenails are long and slightly dirty.

BODY MARKINGS (SCARS AND TATTOOS):

Scars:

1. A 1/2 x 1/16 inch scar on the mid lower abdomen.

Tattoos: No tattoos are noted.

INJURIES, EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL

*There is a perforating gunshot wound of the head. The directions are stated with reference to the standard anatomic positions.*

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### **PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF HEAD:**

ENTRANCE: There is an entrance gunshot wound on the left side of the top of the head. It is centered at the vertex and 3/4 inch left of midline. It is a 1/8 inch diameter defect with a 1/16 inch rim of abrasion. No soot or stippling is noted on the adjacent skin.

EXIT: There is an exit gunshot wound on the top of the head. It is centered at the vertex and 7/8 inch left of midline. It is a 1/2 x 1/8 inch lacerated defect without soot or stippling.

DIRECTION: Front-to-back and right-to-left.

ASSOCIATED INJURIES: There is subgaleal, subdural, and subarachnoid hemorrhage. There is injury to the superior aspect of the left parietal lobe and the left occipital lobe. Two fragments of projectile are recovered from the left occipital lobe. There are multiple skull fractures.

### **INTERNAL EXAMINATION**

HEAD: See Injuries External and Internal. The calvarium and base of the skull are normally configured with the fractures are described above. The dura is not intact and there is subdural hemorrhage.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: See Injuries External and Internal. The brain weighs 1590 grams. The leptomeninges are glistening with underlying hemorrhage. There is injury to the superior aspect of the brain. The hemispheres are otherwise symmetrical with a normal gyral pattern.

Sections through the cerebral hemispheres show a hemorrhagic wound track through the superior aspect of the left parietal lobe and the left occipital lobe. There is hemorrhage within the brainstem. The cerebellum is unremarkable.

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### SPECIMENS RETAINED

TOXICOLOGY: Samples of peripheral blood and vitreous humor are retained for toxicology. Toxicological testing detected no alcohol or common drugs of abuse.

HISTOLOGY: Representative sections of the brain are retained.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Digital identification photographs, overall external body photographs and photographs of the gunshot wound and projectile are taken.

RADIOGRAPHS: Full body radiographs are taken and show skull fractures and projectile fragments in the head.